Wait on the LORD

I had done this study quite sometime ago, and when I did, it really helped me, but little did I know that God was just setting something up that later on would tie in with something much bigger. I now believe that to be an issue that I have come to recently have to deal with, and that is the idea of what I believe, based on the King James Bible, to be a false idea of a pretribulation rapture. I believe in our gathering together unto the Lord to meet him in the air, but not before, or pretribulation.

Why would God consistently tell us to wait? Why would God consistently tell us to not be afraid? Why would Jesus himself tell us that we must endure to the end, and he that endureth to the end, the same shall be saved? Do we not go through suffering already? God tells us there is a reason for this.

Please follow along, and as in other studies I have posted, and answers I have given, keep in mind word association is very important when reading God's Word.

Matthew 24:1 And Jesus went out, and departed from the temple: and his disciples came to him for to shew him the buildings of the temple. **2** And Jesus said unto them, See ye not all these things? verily I say unto you, There shall not be left here one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down.

3 And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, ***the disciples came unto him privately***, ***saying***, ***Tell us***, ***when shall these things be***? ***and what shall be the sign of thy coming***, ***and of the end of the world***? **4** And ***Jesus answered and said*** unto them, **Take heed that no man deceive you**. **5 For many shall come in my name**, **saying**, **I am Christ**; **and shall deceive many**. **6 And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars**: **see that ye be not troubled**: **for all these things must come to pass**, **but the end is not yet**. **7 For nation shall rise against nation**, **and kingdom against kingdom**: and there shall be **famines**, and **pestilences**, and **earthquakes**, in divers places. **8 All these are the beginning of sorrows**.

Jesus is saying that all these things, false prophets, wars, and rumours of wars, kingdom against kingdom, nation against nation, famines, pestilences, and earthquakes, that these are the **BEGINNING** of sorrows, but he tells us not to be **troubled**. He then goes on to tell us:

Matthew 24:9 Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, **and shall kill you**: **and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake**.

No wonder so many want a pretribulation rapture, unfortunately, following the sequence of events in the Bible which Jesus goes on to describe are in a specific order, and these occur before what is called the rapture, or the gathering together, our catching up unto him.

Matthew 24:10 And then shall many be offended, **and shall betray one another**, **and shall hate one another**. **11** And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many. **12** And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold. **13** ***But he that shall endure unto the end***, ***the same shall be saved***. **14** And ***this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations***; and ***then shall the end come***.

15 When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:)

This abomination of desolation is the revealing of the man of sin, the antichrist.

Matthew 24:16 Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains: **17** Let him which is on the housetop not come down to take any thing out of his house: **18** Neither let him which is in the field return back to take his clothes. **19** And woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days! **20** But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the sabbath day: **21** For ***then shall be great tribulation***, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. **22** And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened. **23** Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there; believe it not. **24** For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect. 25 Behold, I have told you before.

26 Wherefore if they shall say unto you, Behold, he is in the desert; go not forth: behold, he is in the secret chambers; believe it not. **27** ***For as the lightning cometh out of the east***, ***and shineth even unto the west***; ***so shall also the coming of the Son of man be***. **28** For wheresoever the carcase is, there will the eagles be gathered together.

29 ***Immediately after the tribulation of those days*** shall **the sun be darkened**, and **the moon shall not give her light**, and **the stars shall fall from heaven**, **and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken**: **30** And ***then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven***: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, ***and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory***. **31** ***And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet***, ***and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds***, ***from one end of heaven to the other***.

32 Now learn a parable of the fig tree; When his branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh: **33** So likewise ye, ***when ye shall see all these things***, ***know that it is near***, ***even at the doors***. **34** Verily I say unto you, ***This generation shall not pass***, ***till all these things be fulfilled***. **35** Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.

36 But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only. **37** ***But as the days of Noe were***, ***so shall also the coming of the Son of man be***. **38** For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, **39** And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; ***so shall also the coming of the Son of man be***. **40** Then shall two be in the field; ***the one shall be taken***, and **the other left**. **41** Two women shall be grinding at the mill; ***the one shall be taken***, and **the other left**.

You see it? The disappearance of people, this is the rapture event which ye have heard spoken of.

Matthew 24:42 Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come. **43** But know this, that if the goodman of the house had known in what watch the thief would come, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to be broken up. **44** Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh. **45** Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his lord hath made ruler over his household, to give them meat in due season? **46** Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing. **47** Verily I say unto you, That he shall make him ruler over all his goods. **48** But and if that evil servant shall say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming; **49** And shall begin to smite his fellowservants, and to eat and drink with the drunken; **50** The lord of that servant shall come in a day when he looketh not for him, and in an hour that he is not aware of, **51** And shall cut him asunder, and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

1 Corinthians 15:51 Behold, I shew you ***a mystery***; We shall not all sleep, but ***we shall all be changed***, **52** ***In a moment***, ***in the twinkling of an eye***, ***at the last trump***: ***for the trumpet shall sound***, ***and the dead shall be raised incorruptible***, ***and we shall be changed***. **53** For this **corruptible** must put on ***incorruption***, and this **mortal** must put on ***immortality***. **54** So when this **corruptible** shall have put on ***incorruption***, and this **mortal** shall have put on ***immortality***, ***then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written***, ***Death is swallowed up in victory***.

1 Thessalonians 4:16 For ***the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout***, ***with the voice of the archangel***, ***and with the trump of God***: and ***the dead in Christ shall rise first***: **17** ***Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds***, ***to meet the Lord in the air***: ***and so shall we ever be with the Lord***.

2 Thessalonians 2:1 Now we beseech you, brethren, ***by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ***, ***and by our gathering together unto him***, **2** That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as ***that the day of Christ is at hand***. **3 Let no man deceive you by any means**: for **that day shall not come**, **except there come a falling away first**, **and that man of sin be revealed**, **the son of perdition**; **4 Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God**, **or that is worshipped**; **so that**

he as God sitteth in the temple of God, **shewing himself that he is God**. **5** Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things? **6** And now ye know what withholdeth ***that he might be revealed in his time***. **7** For ***the mystery*** of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way. **8** And **then shall that Wicked *be revealed***, ***whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth***, ***and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming***: **9** Even **him**, **whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders**, **10** And **with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish**; ***because they received not the love of the truth***, ***that they might be saved***. **11** And **for this cause God shall send them strong delusion**, **that they should believe a lie**: **12 That they all might be damned who believed not** the ***truth***, **but had pleasure in unrighteousness**.

You can clearly see a sequence of events going on here, that day shall not come except there come a falling away first, this tribulation is a trial, and is not only a falling away from the faith in Christ amongst people on the earth, but also the stars falling from heaven, and the revealing of the antichrist. You can clearly see that God says there is an appointed time, that we must watch, wait, and endure unto the end. Nobody is getting out of it early, it never says that. I do find it interesting that Jesus said:

Luke 16:16 ***The law and the prophets were until John***: ***since that time the kingdom of God is preached***, and **every man presseth into it**.

It's like people are trying to press, or shove their way through the door into the kingdom of God, trying to open that door themselves. That's not going to happen.

Revelation 3:7 And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write; ***These things saith he that is holy***, ***he that is true***, ***he that hath the key of David***, ***he that openeth***, ***and no man shutteth***; ***and shutteth***, ***and no man openeth***; **8** I know thy works: ***behold***, ***I have set before thee an open door***, ***and no man can shut it***: for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name.

If we look at all the Old Testament saints, the prophets, and apostles, they all suffered afflictions, which are associated with tribulations, or trials. Think of Abraham, Jacob, Joseph, Elijah whom they sought to take away his life, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, the what are regarded as minor prophets, such as Amos, and Obadiah. All the apostles, Peter, Paul, John, and even Stephen who was stoned, and he was only a preacher of Jesus. The only one who got out of here early was Enoch, and we are not told much about any trials or tribulations he might have faced while he was here on the earth, but I believe Enoch was a picture, or a type of the church who is taken out of the world before the wrath of God is poured out upon the unbelieving world, just as it was in Noah's day when God judged the earth.

God tells us over and over again, to wait, to wait for him, to wait for his salvation. If you follow the study closely, you will see, it is long, but this subject cannot be handled with just a few Scriptures, we must needs to take the whole counsel of God, which I do not have the whole of the King James Bible laid out here, but enough Scripture that it should be clear.

Genesis 49:18 ***I have waited for thy salvation***, O LORD.

Job 14:14 If a man die, shall he live *again*? ***all the days of my appointed time will I wait***, ***till my change come***.

Job 29:21 ***Unto me men gave ear***, ***and waited***, and ***kept silence at my counsel***. **22** After ***my words*** they spake not again; and ***my speech dropped upon them***. **23** And ***they waited for me as for the rain***; and ***they opened their mouth wide as for the latter rain***.

Deuteronomy 11:13 And ***it shall come to pass***, ***if ye shall hearken diligently unto my commandments which I command you*** this day, ***to love the LORD your God***, ***and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul***, **14** That ***I will give you the rain*** of your land in his due season, ***the first rain and the latter rain***, that thou mayest gather in thy corn, and thy wine, and thine oil.

Deuteronomy 32:1 ***Give ear***, O ye heavens, and ***I will speak***; and ***hear***, ***O earth, the words of my mouth***. **2** ***My doctrine shall drop as the rain***, ***my speech shall distil as the dew***, ***as the small rain upon the tender herb***, and ***as the showers upon the grass***:

Isaiah 40:5 And ***the glory of the LORD shall be revealed***, and ***all flesh shall see it together***: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken it. **6** ***The voice said***, Cry. And he said, What shall I cry? ***All flesh is grass, and all the goodliness thereof is as the flower of the field***: **7** The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: because the spirit of the LORD bloweth upon it: surely ***the people is grass***. **8** The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but ***the word of our God shall stand for ever***.

Proverbs 16:15 ***In the light of the king's countenance is life***; and ***his favour is as a cloud of the latter rain***.

Joel 2:23 Be glad then, ye children of Zion, and ***rejoice in the LORD your God***: for ***he hath given you the former rain moderately***, and ***he will cause to come down for you the rain***, ***the former rain***, ***and the latter rain*** in the first month.

Zechariah 10:1 ***Ask ye of the LORD rain in the time of the latter rain***; so ***the LORD shall make bright clouds***, ***and give them showers of rain***, to ***every one grass*** in the field.

Job 13:17 ***Hear diligently my speech***, and ***my declaration*** with your ears.

Job 21:2 ***Hear diligently my speech***, and ***let this be your consolations***.

Consolation is comfort.

CONSOLATION, n. [L. See Console.]

1. ***Comfort***; alleviation of misery, or distress of mind; refreshment of mind or spirits; a comparative degree of happiness in distress or misfortune, springing from any circumstance that abates the evil, or supports and strengthens the mind, as hope, joy, courage and the like.

We have great ***joy*** and ***consolation*** in thy love.

2. That which ***comforts***, or ***refreshes*** the spirits; the cause of ***comfort***; as the ***consolation*** of Israel.

Isaiah 40:1 ***Comfort ye***, ***comfort ye my people***, ***saith your God***.

Luke 2:21 And when eight days were accomplished for the circumcising of the child, his name was called ***JESUS***, which was so named of the angel before he was conceived in the womb. **22** And when the days of her purification according to the law of Moses were accomplished, ***they brought him to Jerusalem***, ***to present him to the Lord***; **23** (*As it is written in the law of the Lord, Every male that openeth the womb shall be called holy to the Lord;*) **24** And to offer a sacrifice according to that which is said in the law of the Lord, A pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons. **25** And, behold, ***there was a man in Jerusalem***, ***whose name was Simeon***; and the same man was just and devout, ***waiting for the consolation of Israel***: and ***the Holy Ghost*** was upon him. **26** And ***it was revealed unto him by the Holy Ghost***, ***that he should not see death***, ***before he had seen the Lord's Christ***. **27** And ***he came by the Spirit into the temple***: and when the parents brought in the child ***Jesus***, to do for him after the custom of the law, **28** ***Then took he him up in his arms***, ***and blessed God***, and said, **29** ***Lord***, ***now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word***: **30** ***For mine eyes have seen thy salvation***, **31** ***Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people***; **32** ***A light to lighten the Gentiles***, ***and the glory of thy people Israel***.

Philippians 2:1 If there be therefore any ***consolation in Christ***, if any ***comfort of love***, if any ***fellowship of the Spirit***, if any ***bowels and mercies***, **2** Fulfil ye my ***joy***, that ye ***be likeminded***, ***having the same love***, ***being of one accord***, ***of one mind***.

2 Thessalonians 2:16 Now ***our Lord Jesus Christ himself***, and ***God***, even ***our Father***, which ***hath loved us***, and ***hath given us everlasting consolation*** and ***good hope through grace***, **17** ***Comfort your hearts***, ***and stablish you in every good word and work***.

It is God that comforts and establishes us, God is the one who holds us up.

Psalms 94:18 When I said, **My foot slippeth**; ***thy mercy***, ***O LORD***, ***held me up***.

Proverbs 24:16 For **a *just man* falleth seven times**, ***and riseth up again***: but **the wicked shall fall into mischief**.

1 John 5:7 For there are *three* that bear record in heaven, ***the Father***, ***the Word***, and ***the Holy Ghost***: and *these three* are ***one***.

2 Samuel 14:17 Then thine handmaid said, ***The word of my lord the king shall now be comfortable***: for ***as an angel of God***, ***so is my lord the king to discern good and bad***: therefore ***the LORD thy God will be with thee***.

David in this particular case is a picture, or type of Christ, and the angel that is with him is a picture of the Holy Ghost being with him, helping him to discern good from evil.

Psalms 23:4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, ***I will fear no evil***: for ***thou art with me***; ***thy rod and thy staff they comfort me***.

Psalms 71:21 ***Thou shalt increase my greatness***, ***and comfort me*** on every side.

Psalms 94:19 In the multitude of my thoughts within me ***thy comforts delight my soul***.

Psalms 119:50 ***This is my comfort in my affliction***: for ***thy word hath quickened me***.

Psalms 119:76 Let, I pray thee, ***thy merciful kindness be for my comfort***, ***according to thy word*** unto thy servant.

Isaiah 12:1 And in that day thou shalt say, ***O LORD***, I will praise thee: though thou wast angry with me, thine anger is turned away, and ***thou comfortedst me***.

Isaiah 49:13 ***Sing***, O heavens; and ***be joyful***, O earth; and ***break forth into singing***, O mountains: ***for the LORD hath comforted his people***, ***and will have mercy upon his afflicted***.

Isaiah 51:12 ***I***, ***even I***, ***am he that comforteth you***: **who art thou**, **that thou shouldest be afraid of a man that shall die**, and of the son of man which shall be made as grass;

Luke 12:4 And I say unto you my friends, **Be not afraid of them that kill the body**, **and after that have no more that they can do**. **5** But ***I will forewarn you whom ye shall fear***: ***Fear him***, ***which after he hath killed hath power to cast into hell***; ***yea***, ***I say unto you***, ***Fear him***.

Isaiah 52:9 Break forth into ***joy***, ***sing*** together, ye waste places of Jerusalem: for ***the LORD hath comforted his people***, ***he hath redeemed Jerusalem***.

Isaiah 61:1 ***The Spirit of the Lord GOD*** is upon me; because ***the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek***; he hath sent me ***to bind up the brokenhearted***, ***to proclaim liberty to the captives***, and ***the opening of the prison to them that are bound***; **2** To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance of our God; ***to comfort***

all that mourn; **3** ***To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion***, ***to give unto them beauty for ashes***, ***the oil of joy for mourning***, ***the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness***; ***that they might be called trees of righteousness***, ***the planting of the LORD***, ***that he might be glorified***.

Isaiah 66:13 ***As one whom his mother comforteth***, ***so will I comfort you***; and ***ye shall be comforted in Jerusalem***.

Zion, or Jerusalem is in Heaven above:

Galatians 4:26 But ***Jerusalem*** which is ***above*** is free, which ***is the mother of us all***.

Revelation 3:12 ***Him that overcometh*** will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and ***I will write upon him the name of my God***, ***and the name of the city of my God***, ***which is new Jerusalem***, ***which cometh down out of heaven from my God***: and I will write upon him my new name.

There's more of that enduring to the end, overcoming, to him that overcometh, he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.

Revelation 21:2 And I John saw ***the holy city***, ***new Jerusalem***, ***coming down from God out of heaven***, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

Back to God comforting us with his Word:

Isaiah 51:3 For ***the LORD shall comfort Zion***: ***he will comfort*** all her waste places; and ***he will make her wilderness like Eden***, and ***her desert like the garden of the LORD***; ***joy*** and ***gladness*** shall be found therein, ***thanksgiving***, and ***the voice of melody***.

Hosea 2:14 Therefore, behold, ***I will allure her***, ***and bring her into the wilderness***, ***and speak comfortably unto her***.

Revelation 12:1 And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; ***a woman clothed with the sun***, and **the moon under her feet**, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars: **2** ***And she being with child cried***, ***travailing in birth***, ***and pained to be delivered***. **3** And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold **a great red dragon**, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads. **4 And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven**, **and did cast them to the earth**: **and the dragon** stood before ***the woman which was ready to be delivered***, for **to devour her child** as soon as it was born. **5** ***And she brought forth a man child***, ***who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron***: ***and her child was caught up unto God***, ***and to his throne***. **6** ***And the woman fled into the wilderness***, ***where she hath a place prepared of God***, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred and threescore days.

John 14:1 ***Let not your heart be troubled***: ***ye believe in God***, ***believe also in me***. **2** ***In my Father's house are many mansions***: if it were not so, I would have told you. ***I go to prepare a place for you***. **3** And ***if I go and prepare a place for you***, ***I will come again***, ***and receive you unto myself***; ***that where I am***, ***there ye may be also***.

There are deep things in the King James Bible, shrowded in mysteries, but God is a revealer of secrets, or mysteries, and I am highly inclined to think that this wilderness is this place that God hath prepared for us. Notice however the sequence of events, the casting down of the stars first.

Zechariah 1:17 Cry yet, saying, ***Thus saith the LORD of hosts***; My cities through prosperity shall yet be spread abroad; and ***the LORD shall yet comfort Zion***, ***and shall yet choose Jerusalem***.

Matthew 5:4 ***Blessed are they that mourn***: ***for they shall be comforted***.

Mark 10:49 And ***Jesus*** stood still, and commanded him to be called. And they call the blind man, saying unto him, ***Be of good comfort***, ***rise***; ***he calleth thee***.

Luke 8:48 And ***he said*** unto her, ***Daughter***, ***be of good comfort***: ***thy faith hath made thee whole***; ***go in peace***.

John 14:18 ***I will not leave you comfortless***: ***I will come to you***.

John 14:26 But ***the Comforter***, ***which is the Holy Ghost***, ***whom the Father will send in my name***, ***he shall teach you all things***, *and* ***bring all things to your remembrance***, ***whatsoever I have said*** *unto you*.

John 15:26 But ***when the Comforter is come***, ***whom I will send unto you from the Father***, even ***the Spirit of truth***, ***which proceedeth from the Father***, ***he shall testify of me***:

1 John 5:7 For there are *three* that bear record in heaven, ***the Father***, ***the Word***, and ***the Holy Ghost***: and *these three are* ***one***.

2 Corinthians 2:2 ***Grace*** be to you and ***peace from God our Father***, and from ***the Lord Jesus Christ***. **3** ***Blessed be God***, even ***the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ***, ***the Father of mercies***, and ***the God of all comfort***; **4** ***Who comforteth us in all our tribulation***, ***that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble***, ***by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God***. **5** For as the sufferings of Christ abound in us, so ***our consolation also aboundeth by Christ***. **6** And *whether we be afflicted*, ***it is for your consolation and salvation***, ***which is effectual in the enduring of the same sufferings which we also suffer***: or ***whether we be comforted***, ***it is for your consolation and salvation***. **7** And our hope of you is stedfast, knowing, that *as ye are partakers of the sufferings*, ***so shall ye be also of the consolation***.

Wait on the Lord, and he shall comfort you in all tribulation, and we are in turn required to comfort others with the Word of God as we are comforted. I don't know about you, but lies do not comfort me, the truth does, and God's Word is truth!

John 17:17 Sanctify them through thy truth: ***thy word is truth***.

Psalms 25:1 Unto thee, ***O LORD***, do I lift up my soul. **2** ***O my God***, ***I trust in thee***: let me not be ashamed, let not mine enemies triumph over me. **3** Yea, ***let none that wait on thee*** be ashamed: let them be ashamed which transgress without cause. **4** ***Shew me thy ways***, ***O LORD***; ***teach me thy paths***. **5** Lead me in ***thy truth***, and ***teach me***: for ***thou art the God of my salvation***; ***on thee do I wait all the day***. **6** Remember, ***O LORD***, thy ***tender mercies*** and ***thy lovingkindnesses***; for ***they have been ever of old***. **7** Remember not the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions: ***according to thy mercy remember thou me for thy goodness' sake***, ***O LORD***. **8** ***Good and upright is the LORD***: ***therefore will he teach sinners in the way***. **9** ***The meek will he guide in judgment***: and ***the meek will he teach his way***. **10** ***All the paths of the LORD are mercy and truth unto such as keep his covenant and his testimonies***. **11** For thy name's sake, ***O LORD***, pardon mine iniquity; for it *is* great. **12** ***What man is he that feareth the LORD***? ***him shall he teach in the way that he shall choose***. **13** ***His soul shall dwell at ease***; and ***his seed shall inherit the earth***. **14** ***The secret of the LORD is with them that fear him***; and ***he will shew them his covenant***. **15** Mine eyes *are* ever toward ***the LORD***; for ***he shall pluck my feet out of the net***. **16** ***Turn thee unto me***, and ***have mercy upon me***; for ***I am desolate and afflicted***. **17** ***The troubles of my heart are enlarged***: ***O bring thou me out of my distresses***. **18** ***Look upon mine affliction and my pain***; and ***forgive all my sins***. **19** Consider **mine enemies**; for **they are many**; and **they hate me with cruel hatred**. **20** ***O keep my soul***, and ***deliver me***: let me not be ashamed; for ***I put my trust in thee***. **21** ***Let integrity and uprightness preserve me***; for ***I wait on thee***. **22** ***Redeem Israel***, ***O God***, out of all his troubles.

Knowing about the life of David, he sure did go through a lot of trials and tribulations, distresses, afflictions, and troubles.

Psalms 27:14 ***Wait on the LORD***: ***be of good courage***, and ***he shall strengthen thine heart***: ***wait***, I say, ***on the LORD***.

Psalms 33:20 ***Our soul waiteth for the LORD***: ***he is our help and our shield***.

Psalms 37:1 ***Fret not thyself*** because of **evildoers**, ***neither be thou envious*** against **the workers of iniquity**. **2** For **they shall soon be cut down** like the grass, and wither as the green herb. **3** ***Trust in the LORD***, ***and do good***; ***so shalt thou dwell in the land***, ***and verily thou shalt be fed***. **4** ***Delight thyself also in the LORD***; ***and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart***. **5** ***Commit thy way unto the LORD***; ***trust also in him***; ***and he shall bring it to pass***. **6** And ***he shall bring forth thy righteousness as the light***, ***and thy judgment as the noonday***. **7** ***Rest in the LORD***, and ***wait patiently for him***: fret not thyself because of him who prospereth in his

way, because of the man who bringeth wicked devices to pass. **8** Cease from anger, and forsake wrath: fret not thyself in any wise to do evil. **9** For **evildoers shall be cut off**: but ***those that wait upon the LORD***, ***they shall inherit the earth***. **10** For yet a little while, and **the wicked shall not be**: yea, thou shalt diligently consider his place, and it shall not be. **11** But ***the meek shall inherit the earth***; ***and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace***. **12 The wicked plotteth against** the ***just***, and **gnasheth** upon ***him*** with his teeth. **13** The Lord shall laugh at him: for he seeth that his day is coming. **14 The wicked have drawn out the sword, and have bent their bow, to cast down** the ***poor and needy***, *and* **to slay** ***such as be of upright conversation***. **15 Their sword shall enter into their own heart**, and **their bows shall be broken**. **16** ***A little that a righteous man hath is better*** than the riches of many wicked. **17** For **the arms of the wicked shall be broken**: but ***the LORD upholdeth the righteous***. **18** ***The LORD knoweth the days of the upright***: ***and their inheritance shall be for ever***. **19** ***They shall not be ashamed in*** **the evil time**: and ***in the days of famine they shall be satisfied***. **20** But **the wicked shall perish**, and **the enemies of** ***the LORD*** **shall be as the fat of lambs**: **they shall consume**; **into smoke shall they consume away**. **21** The wicked borroweth, and payeth not again: but ***the righteous sheweth mercy***, ***and giveth***. **22** For ***such as be blessed of him shall inherit the earth***; and **they that be cursed of him shall be cut off**. **23** ***The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD***: ***and he delighteth in his way***. **24** ***Though he fall***, ***he shall not be utterly cast down***: ***for the LORD upholdeth him with his hand***. **25** ***I have been young***, ***and now am old***; ***yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken***, ***nor his seed begging bread***. **26** ***He is ever merciful***, ***and lendeth***; ***and his seed is blessed***. **27 Depart from evil**, and ***do good***; ***and dwell for evermore***. **28** For ***the LORD loveth judgment***, ***and forsaketh not his saints***; ***they are preserved for ever***: but **the seed of the wicked shall be cut off**. **29** ***The righteous shall inherit the land***, ***and dwell therein for ever***. **30** ***The mouth of the righteous speaketh wisdom***, ***and his tongue talketh of judgment***. **31** ***The law of his God is in his heart***; ***none of his steps shall slide***. **32 The wicked watcheth** ***the righteous***, and **seeketh to slay** ***him***. **33** ***The LORD will not leave him in*** **his hand**, ***nor condemn him when he is judged***. **34** ***Wait on the LORD***, and ***keep his way***, and ***he shall exalt thee to inherit the land***: **when the wicked are cut off**, ***thou shalt see it***. **35** ***I have seen*** **the wicked in great power**, and **spreading himself like a green bay tree**. **36 Yet he passed away**, and, lo, **he** ***was*** **not**: yea, ***I*** sought **him**, but **he could not be found**. **37** ***Mark the perfect man***, and ***behold the upright***: for ***the end of that man is peace***. **38** But **the transgressors shall be destroyed together**: **the end of the wicked shall be cut off**. **39** But ***the salvation of the righteous is of the LORD***: ***he is their strength in the time of trouble***. **40** And ***the LORD shall help them***, ***and deliver them***: ***he shall deliver them*** from **the wicked**, ***and save them***, ***because they trust in him***.

Psalms 40:1 ***I waited patiently*** for the LORD; and he inclined unto me, and heard my cry.

Now you can see that waiting and patience are tied together, it takes patience to wait.

Psalms 52:9 I will praise thee for ever, because thou hast done *it*: and ***I will wait on thy name***; for *it is* good before thy saints.

Psalms 59:9 *Because of* his strength will ***I wait upon thee***: for ***God is my defence***.

Psalms 62:1 Truly ***my soul waiteth upon God***: ***from him cometh my salvation***.

Psalms 62:5 ***My soul***, ***wait thou only upon God***; for ***my expectation is from him***.

Psalms 69:3 *I am weary of my crying: my throat is dried: mine eyes fail while* ***I wait for my God***.

Psalms 69:6 ***Let not them that wait on thee***, ***O Lord GOD of hosts***, be ashamed for my sake: ***let not those that seek thee*** be confounded for my sake, ***O God of Israel***.

Psalms 123:2 Behold, as the eyes of servants *look* unto the hand of their masters, *and* as the eyes of a maiden unto the hand of her mistress; so ***our eyes wait upon the LORD our God***, ***until that he have mercy upon us***.

Psalms 130:1 Out of the depths have I cried unto thee, ***O LORD***. **2** ***Lord***, hear my voice: let thine ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications. **3** If thou, ***LORD***, shouldest mark iniquities, ***O Lord***, who shall stand? **4** But ***there is forgiveness with thee***, ***that thou mayest be feared***. **5** ***I wait for the LORD***, ***my soul doth wait***, and ***in his word do I hope***. **6** ***My soul waiteth for the Lord*** more than they that watch for the morning: I say, more than they that watch for the morning. **7** ***Let Israel hope in the LORD***: ***for with the LORD there is mercy***, ***and with him is plenteous redemption***. **8** And ***he shall redeem Israel from all his iniquities***.

Psalms 145:15 ***The eyes of all wait upon thee***; and thou givest them their meat in due season.

Proverbs 8:34 ***Blessed is the man that heareth me***, ***watching daily at my gates***, ***waiting at the posts of my doors***.

John 10:7 ***Then said Jesus unto them again***, ***Verily***, ***verily***, ***I say unto you***, ***I am the door*** *of the sheep*. **8** All that ever came before me are thieves and robbers: but the sheep did not hear them. **9** ***I am the door***: *by me* ***if any man enter in, he shall be saved****, and shall go in and out, and find* ***pasture***.

Psalms 23:1 ***The LORD is my shepherd***; I shall not want. **2** ***He maketh me to lie down in green pastures***: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

Proverbs 20:22 Say not thou, I will recompense evil; but ***wait on the LORD***, ***and he shall save thee***.

Proverbs 27:18 ***Whoso keepeth the fig tree shall eat the fruit thereof***: so ***he that waiteth on his master shall be honoured***.

Ecclesiastes 7:8 ***Better is the end of a thing*** than the beginning thereof: ***and the patient in spirit is better*** than the proud in spirit.

Isaiah 8:17 And ***I will wait upon the LORD***, that hideth his face from the house of Jacob, and ***I will look for him***.

Isaiah 25:9 And it shall be said ***in that day***, ***Lo***, ***this is our God***; ***we have waited for him***, ***and he will save us***: ***this is the LORD***; ***we have waited for him***, ***we will be glad and rejoice in his salvation***.

Isaiah 26:8 Yea, ***in the way of thy judgments***, ***O LORD***, ***have we waited for thee***; ***the desire of our soul is to thy name***, and ***to the remembrance of thee***.

Isaiah 30:18 And ***therefore will the LORD wait***, ***that he may be gracious unto you***, ***and therefore will he be exalted***, ***that he may have mercy upon you***: for ***the LORD is a God of judgment***: ***blessed are all they that wait for him***.

See how the Bible keeps saying blessed are all they that wait for him?

Isaiah 33:2 ***O LORD***, ***be gracious unto us***; ***we have waited for thee***: ***be thou their arm every morning***, ***our salvation also*** **in the time of trouble**.

Salvation in the time of trouble, in time of tribulation. That is when we will mount up with wings like eagles, and fly away to our place prepared in Heaven.

Isaiah 40:31 But ***they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength***; ***they shall mount up with wings as eagles***; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.

Isaiah 42:4 ***He shall not fail nor be discouraged***, ***till he have set judgment in the earth***: and ***the isles shall wait for his law***.

His law is his Word, the Word is Jesus.

John 1:1 ***In the beginning was the Word***, and ***the Word was with God***, and ***the Word was God***.

John 1:14 ***And the Word was made flesh***, ***and dwelt among us***, (*and we beheld his glory,* ***the glory as of the only begotten of the Father***,) ***full of grace and truth***.

Isaiah 49:23 And kings shall be thy nursing fathers, and their queens thy nursing mothers: they shall bow down to thee with *their* face toward the earth, and lick up the dust of thy feet; and ***thou shalt know that I am the LORD***: ***for they shall not be ashamed that wait for me***.

Isaiah 51:5 ***My righteousness is near***; ***my salvation is gone forth***, and ***mine arms shall judge the people***; ***the isles shall wait upon me***, ***and on mine arm shall they trust***.

Isaiah 60:9 Surely ***the isles shall wait for me***, and the ships of Tarshish first, ***to bring thy sons from far***, ***their silver and their gold with them***, ***unto the name of the LORD thy God***, ***and to the Holy One of Israel***, ***because he hath glorified thee***.

Psalms 68:13 Though ye have lien among the pots, ***yet shall ye be as the wings of a dove covered with silver***, ***and her feathers with yellow gold***.

Lamentations 4:1 How is ***the gold*** become dim! how is ***the most fine gold*** changed! ***the stones of the sanctuary*** are poured out in the top of every street. **2** ***The precious sons of Zion***, ***comparable to fine gold***, *how are they esteemed as earthen pitchers*, *the work of the hands of the potter*!

Isaiah 64:4 For since the beginning of the world ***men have not heard***, ***nor perceived by the ear***, ***neither hath the eye seen***, ***O God***, ***beside thee***, ***what he hath prepared for him that waiteth for him***.

Jeremiah 14:22 Are there any among the vanities of the Gentiles that can cause rain? or can the heavens give showers? ***art not thou he***, ***O LORD our God***? ***therefore we will wait upon thee***: for thou hast made all these *things*.

Lamentations 3:22 ***It is of the LORD'S mercies that we are not consumed***, ***because his compassions fail not***. **23** ***They are new every morning***: ***great is thy faithfulness***. **24** ***The LORD is my portion***, ***saith my soul***; ***therefore will I hope in him***. **25** ***The LORD is good unto them that wait for him***, ***to the soul that seeketh him***. **26** ***It is good that a man should both hope and quietly wait for the salvation of the LORD***. **27** It is good for a man that he bear the yoke in his youth. **28** He sitteth alone and keepeth silence, because he hath borne *it* upon him. **29** He putteth his mouth in the dust; if so be there may be hope. **30** He giveth his cheek to him that smiteth him: he is filled full with reproach. **31** For ***the Lord will not cast off for ever***: **32** But though he cause grief, ***yet will he have compassion according to the multitude of his mercies***. **33** For ***he doth not afflict willingly nor grieve the children of men***. **34** To crush under his feet all the prisoners of the earth, **35** To turn aside the right of a man before the face of the most High, **36** To subvert a man in his cause, the Lord approveth not.

Psalms 119:67 ***Before I was afflicted I went astray***: ***but now have I kept thy word***.

Psalms 119:71 ***It is good for me that I have been afflicted***; ***that I might learn thy statutes***.

Psalms 119:75 ***I know***, ***O LORD***, that ***thy judgments are right***, and ***that thou in faithfulness hast afflicted me***. **76** ***Let***, *I pray thee*, ***thy merciful kindness be for my comfort***, ***according to thy word*** *unto thy servant*.

Hosea 12:6 Therefore ***turn thou to thy God***: ***keep mercy and judgment***, and ***wait on thy God continually***.

Micah 7:7 Therefore ***I will look unto the LORD***; ***I will wait for the God of my salvation***: my ***God will hear me***.

Habakkuk 2:3 For ***the vision is yet for an appointed time***, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, ***wait for it***; because it will surely come, it will not tarry.

Again, an appointed time, no sooner, no later.

Zephaniah 3:8 Therefore ***wait ye upon me***, ***saith the LORD***, ***until the day that I rise up*** to the prey: for my determination *is* to gather the nations, that I may assemble the kingdoms, to pour upon them mine indignation, even all my fierce anger: for all the earth shall be devoured with the fire of my jealousy.

Zechariah 11:11 And it was broken in that day: and so ***the poor of the flock that waited upon me knew that it was the word of the LORD***.

Luke 2:25 And, behold, there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name *was* Simeon; and the same man *was* just and devout, ***waiting for the consolation*** of Israel: and ***the Holy Ghost*** was upon him.

Luke 8:40 And it came to pass, that, ***when Jesus was returned***, ***the people gladly received him***: ***for they were all waiting for him***.

Luke 12:36 And ***ye yourselves like unto men that wait for their lord***, when he will return from the wedding; ***that when he cometh and knocketh***, ***they may open unto him immediately***.

Luke 23:50 And, behold, ***there was a man named Joseph***, ***a counsellor***; ***and he was a good man***, ***and a just***: **51** (The same had not consented to the counsel and deed of them;) he was of Arimathæa, a city of the Jews: ***who also himself waited for the kingdom of God***.

John 5:1 After this there was a feast of the Jews; and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. **2** ***Now there is at Jerusalem*** by the sheep market ***a pool***, which is called in the Hebrew tongue Bethesda, ***having five porches***. **3** ***In these lay a great multitude of impotent folk***, ***of blind***, ***halt***, ***withered***, ***waiting for the moving of the water***.

John 4:1 When therefore the Lord knew how the Pharisees had heard that Jesus made and baptized more disciples than John, **2** (Though Jesus himself baptized not, but his disciples,) **3** He left Judæa, and departed again into Galilee. **4** And he must needs go through Samaria. **5** Then cometh he to a city of Samaria, which is called Sychar, near to the parcel of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. **6** Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied with his journey, sat thus on the well: and it was about the sixth hour. **7** There

cometh a woman of Samaria to draw water: Jesus saith unto her, Give me to drink. **8** (For his disciples were gone away unto the city to buy meat.) **9** Then saith the woman of Samaria unto him, How is it that thou, being a Jew, askest drink of me, which am a woman of Samaria? for the Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans. **10** Jesus answered and said unto her, ***If thou knewest the gift of God***, ***and who it is that saith to thee***, ***Give me to drink***; ***thou wouldest have asked of him***, ***and he would have given thee living water***. **11** The woman saith unto him, Sir, thou hast nothing to draw with, and the well is deep: from whence then hast thou ***that living water***? **12** Art thou greater than our father Jacob, which gave us the well, and drank thereof himself, and his children, and his cattle? **13** Jesus answered and said unto her, Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again: **14** But ***whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst***; ***but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life***.

Revelation 21:6 And he said unto me, It is done. ***I am Alpha and Omega***, ***the beginning and the end***. ***I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely***.

Revelation 22:1 And he shewed me ***a pure river of water of life***, ***clear as crystal***, ***proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb***.

Revelation 22:17 And ***the Spirit and the bride say***, ***Come***. And ***let him that heareth say***, ***Come***. And ***let him that is athirst come***. And ***whosoever will***, ***let him take the water of life freely***.

Isaiah 55:1 ***Ho***, ***every one that thirsteth***, ***come ye to the waters***, and he that hath no money; ***come ye***, ***buy***, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk ***without money and without price***.

Until he come, come ye to the waters and drink!

Acts 1:4 And, being assembled together with them, ***commanded them that they should*** not depart from Jerusalem, but ***wait for the promise of the Father***, which, ***saith he***, ***ye have heard of me***.

Romans 2:6 Who will render to every man according to his deeds: **7** To ***them who by patient continuance in well doing seek for glory and honour and immortality***, ***eternal life***: **8** But **unto them that are contentious**, **and do not obey the truth**, **but obey unrighteousness**, **indignation and wrath**, **9** ***Tribulation and anguish***, ***upon every soul of man*** **that doeth evil**, ***of the Jew first***, ***and also of the Gentile***; **10** ***But glory***, ***honour***, ***and peace***, ***to every man that worketh good***, ***to the Jew first, and also to the Gentile***: **11** For **there is no respect of persons** with ***God***.

Proverbs 20:9 Who can say, ***I have made my heart clean***, ***I am pure*** from **my sin**?

God purifies us from sin, with the righteousness of Jesus Christ, his Word.

Ephesians 5:26 ***That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word***,

Titus 3:5 Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but ***according to his mercy he saved us***, ***by the washing of regeneration***, ***and renewing of the Holy Ghost***; **6** ***Which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour***; **7** That ***being justified by his grace***, ***we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life***.

Romans 5:3 And not only so, but ***we glory in tribulations*** also: ***knowing that tribulation worketh patience***; **4** ***And patience***, ***experience***; ***and experience***, ***hope***: **5** ***And hope maketh not ashamed***; ***because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us***.

See how tribulation is necessary to work patience, and patience experience, and experience hope while we wait for our change? Remember what Job said:

Job 14:14 If a man die, shall he live *again*? ***all the days of my appointed time will I wait***, ***till my change come***.

Romans 8:19 For the earnest expectation of ***the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God***.

Romans 8:23 And not only *they*, but ***ourselves also***, ***which have the firstfruits of the Spirit***, even ***we ourselves groan within ourselves***, ***waiting for the adoption***, *to wit*, ***the redemption of our body***. 24 For ***we are saved by hope***: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for? **25** But ***if we hope for that we see not***, ***then do we with patience wait for it***.

We have to wait for the change, the redemption of the purchased possession.

Ephesians 1:9 ***Having made known unto us the mystery of his will***, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself: **10** ***That in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him***: **11** ***In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will***: **12** ***That we should be to the praise of his glory***, ***who first trusted in Christ***. **13** ***In whom ye also trusted***, ***after that ye heard the word of truth***, ***the gospel of your salvation***: ***in whom also after that ye believed***, ***ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise***, **14** ***Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession***, ***unto the praise of his glory***.

Ever heard of earnest money? You're going to buy a house, and sometimes the seller wants earnest money to make sure you're going to go through with the deal. In our case, the earnest of the inheritance UNTIL THE REDEMPTION OF THE PURCHASED POSSESSION was the blood of Jesus Christ. God keeps his word, to the praise of his glory!

Romans 12:6 Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, *let us prophesy* according to the proportion of faith; **7** Or ministry, ***let us wait*** on *our* ministering: or he that teacheth, on teaching; **8** Or he that exhorteth, on exhortation: he that giveth, let him do it with simplicity; he that ruleth, with diligence; he that sheweth mercy, with cheerfulness. **9** Let love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good. **10** Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another; **11** Not slothful in business; ***fervent in spirit***; ***serving the Lord***; **12** ***Rejoicing in hope***; ***patient in tribulation***; ***continuing instant in prayer***; **13** ***Distributing to the necessity of saints***; ***given to hospitality***.

Once again, patient in tribulation.

Romans 15:4 For ***whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning***, ***that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope***. **5** ***Now the God of patience and consolation grant you to be likeminded one toward another according to Christ Jesus***: **6** ***That ye may with one mind and one mouth glorify God***, ***even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ***.

1 Corinthians 1:6 Even as ***the testimony of Christ was confirmed in you***: **7** ***So that ye come behind in no gift***; ***waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ***: **8** ***Who shall also confirm you unto the end***, ***that ye may be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ***. **9** ***God is faithful***, ***by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord***.

Once again, God is faithful, and keeps his word, and confirms us to the end, while we wait for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

2 Corinthians 6:1 We then, as workers together with him, beseech you also that ***ye receive not the grace of God*** in **vain**. **2** (For he saith, ***I have heard thee in a time accepted***, and ***in the day of salvation have I succoured thee***: behold, now is ***the accepted time***; behold, now is ***the day of salvation***.) **3** Giving no offence in any thing, that the ministry be not blamed: **4** But ***in all things approving ourselves as the ministers of God***, ***in much patience***, in ***afflictions***, in ***necessities***, in ***distresses***, **5** In ***stripes***, in ***imprisonments***, in ***tumults***, in ***labours***, in ***watchings***, in ***fastings***; **6** ***By pureness***, ***by knowledge***, ***by longsuffering***, ***by kindness***, ***by the Holy Ghost***, ***by love unfeigned***, **7** ***By the word of truth***, ***by the power of God***, ***by the armour of righteousness on the right hand and on the left***, **8** ***By honour and dishonour***, ***by evil report and good report***: as deceivers, and *yet true*; **9** As unknown, and *yet well known*; ***as dying***, and, ***behold***, ***we live***; ***as chastened***, ***and not killed***; **10** ***As sorrowful***, ***yet alway rejoicing***; ***as poor***, ***yet making many rich***; as ***having nothing***, and ***yet possessing all things***. **11** O *ye* Corinthians, ***our mouth is open unto you***, ***our heart is enlarged***. **12** Ye are not straitened in us, but ye are straitened in your own bowels. **13** Now for a recompence in the same, (*I speak as unto my children*,) ***be ye also enlarged***. **14** ***Be ye not unequally yoked together*** with **unbelievers**: for what ***fellowship*** hath ***righteousness*** with **unrighteousness**? and what ***communion*** hath ***light*** with **darkness**? **15**

And what ***concord*** hath ***Christ*** with **Belial**? or what ***part*** hath ***he that believeth*** with an **infidel**? **16** And what ***agreement*** hath ***the temple of God*** with **idols**? for ***ye are the temple of the living God***; ***as God hath said***, ***I will dwell in them***, ***and walk in them***; ***and I will be their God***, ***and they shall be my people***. **17** Wherefore ***come out*** from among **them**, and ***be ye separate***, ***saith the Lord***, and ***touch not*** the **unclean thing** ; and ***I will receive you***, **18** ***And will be a Father unto you***, ***and ye shall be my sons and daughters***, ***saith the Lord Almighty***.

Galatians 5:5 For ***we through the Spirit wait for the hope of righteousness by faith***.

Colossians 1:10 That ***ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing***, ***being fruitful in every good work***, and ***increasing in the knowledge of God***; **11** ***Strengthened with all might***, ***according to his glorious power***, ***unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness***; **12** ***Giving thanks unto the Father***, ***which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light***: **13** ***Who hath delivered us from*** **the power of darkness**, ***and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son***:

1 Thessalonians 1:3 Remembering without ceasing ***your work of faith***, ***and labour of love***, ***and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ***, ***in the sight of God and our Father***;

1 Thessalonians 1:10 And ***to wait for his Son from heaven***, whom he raised from the dead, *even* ***Jesus***, ***which delivered us from the wrath to come***.

Interesting to note that God said he already delivered us from the wrath to come.

1 Thessalonians 5:9 For ***God hath not appointed us*** to **wrath**, ***but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ***, **10** ***Who died for us***, ***that***, ***whether we wake or sleep***, ***we should live together with him***.

1 Thessalonians 3:1 Wherefore when we could no longer forbear, we thought it good to be left at Athens alone; **2** And sent Timotheus, our brother, and minister of God, and our fellowlabourer in ***the gospel of Christ***, ***to establish you***, and ***to comfort you concerning your faith***: **3** ***That no man should be moved by these afflictions***: **4** ***For verily***, ***when we were with you***, ***we told you before that we should suffer tribulation***; even as it came to pass, and ye know.

Acts 14:21 And ***when they had preached the gospel*** to that city, and had taught many, they returned again to Lystra, and to Iconium, and Antioch, **22** ***Confirming the souls of the disciples***, ***and exhorting them to continue in the faith***, ***and that we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God***.

Confirming our souls through the preaching of the gospel to continue in the faith, and that we must through much tribulation enter the into the kingdom of God.

2 Thessalonians 3:5 And ***the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God***, ***and into the patient waiting for Christ***.

Once again, patiently waiting for Christ.

Hebrews 6:11 And ***we desire that every one of you do shew the same diligence to the full assurance of hope unto the end***: **12** That ye be not slothful, but ***followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises***. **13** For when ***God made promise to Abraham***, because he could swear by no greater, he sware by himself, **14** Saying, Surely blessing I will bless thee, and multiplying I will multiply thee. **15** And ***so***, ***after he had patiently endured***, ***he obtained the promise***.

Hebrews 10:36 For ***ye have need of patience***, ***that***, ***after ye have done the will of God***, ***ye might receive the promise***.

Hebrews 12:1 Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and ***let us run with patience the race that is set before us***, **2** ***Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith***; ***who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross***, ***despising the shame***, ***and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God***.

James 1:2 My brethren, ***count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations***; **3** Knowing *this*, that ***the trying of your faith worketh patience***. **4** But ***let patience have her perfect work***, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing. **5** If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.

James 5:7 ***Be patient therefore***, ***brethren***, ***unto the coming of the Lord***. Behold, ***the husbandman waiteth*** for the precious fruit of the earth, ***and hath long patience*** for it, until he receive the early and latter rain. **8** ***Be ye also patient***; ***stablish your hearts***: ***for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh***. **9** Grudge not one against another, brethren, lest ye be condemned: behold, ***the judge standeth before the door***. **10** ***Take***, ***my brethren***, ***the prophets***, ***who have spoken in the name of the Lord***, ***for an example of suffering affliction***, ***and of patience***. **11** Behold, ***we count them happy which endure***. ***Ye have heard of the patience of Job***, ***and have seen the end of the Lord***; ***that the Lord is very pitiful***, ***and of tender mercy***.

1 Peter 2:19 For ***this is thankworthy***, ***if a man for conscience toward God endure grief***, ***suffering wrongfully***. **20** *For what glory is it*, *if*, *when ye be buffeted for your faults*, ***ye shall take it patiently***? *but if*, ***when ye do well***, ***and suffer for it***, ***ye take it patiently***, ***this is acceptable with God***.

1 Peter 4:1 ***Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh***, ***arm yourselves likewise with the same mind***: ***for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin***; **2**

That he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh to the lusts of men, ***but to the will of God***.

Matthew 5:1 And seeing the multitudes, ***he went up into a mountain***: and when he was set, ***his disciples came unto him***: **2** And ***he opened his mouth***, ***and taught them***, saying, **3** ***Blessed are the poor in spirit***: ***for theirs is the kingdom of heaven***. **4** ***Blessed are they that mourn***: ***for they shall be comforted***. **5** ***Blessed are the meek***: ***for they shall inherit the earth***. **6** ***Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness***: ***for they shall be filled***. **7** ***Blessed are the merciful***: ***for they shall obtain mercy***. **8** ***Blessed are the pure in heart***: ***for they shall see God***. **9** ***Blessed are the peacemakers***: ***for they shall be called the children of God***. **10** ***Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake***: ***for theirs is the kingdom of heaven***. **11** ***Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you***, ***and persecute you***, ***and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely***, ***for my sake***. **12** ***Rejoice***, ***and be exceeding glad***: ***for great is your reward in heaven***: ***for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you***.

Revelation 1:9 ***I John***, ***who also am your brother***, and ***companion in tribulation***, ***and in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ***, was in the isle that is called Patmos, ***for the word of God***, and for ***the testimony of Jesus Christ***.

Revelation 2:2 ***I know thy works***, and ***thy labour***, and ***thy patience***, and how thou canst not bear them which are evil: and thou hast tried them which say they are apostles, and are not, and hast found them liars: **3** ***And hast borne***, ***and hast patience***, ***and for my name's sake hast laboured***, ***and hast not fainted***.

Revelation 3:10 ***Because thou hast kept the word of my patience***, ***I also will keep thee*** from the hour of **temptation**, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth.

1 Corinthians 10:13 There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but ***God is faithful***, ***who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able***; ***but will with the temptation also make a way to escape***, ***that ye may be able to bear it***.

At this point this is where I think about these verses:

Romans 7:18 ***For I know that in me*** (*that is, in my flesh,*) *dwelleth* **no good thing**: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not.

Psalms 84:11 For ***the LORD God is a sun and shield***: ***the LORD will give grace and glory***: **no good thing** ***will he withhold from them that walk uprightly***.

See that no good thing? God said he would withhold that, or keep that from you if ye walk uprightly in his counsel, in the faith. We are not able to stand on our own, it is God that

maketh us to stand, just like Shadrac, Meshach, and Abed-nego, because they kept the Word, the faith.

All we have to do is keep the word with patience, having faith, knowing that God will do what he has said he will do. Why is he still telling us, encouraging us to have patience, and faith while what is being described as the mark of the beast is being rolled out in Revelation 13 and 14? Notice he is talking to the saints:

Revelation 13:10 He that leadeth into captivity shall go into captivity: he that killeth with the sword must be killed with the sword. ***Here is the patience and the faith of the saints***.

Revelation 14:12 ***Here is the patience of the saints***: here are ***they that keep the commandments of God***, ***and the faith of Jesus***.

Remember Shadrac, Meshach and Abed-nego?

Daniel 3:10 Thou, **O king**, **hast made a decree**, **that every man** that shall hear the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, and dulcimer, and all kinds of musick, **shall fall down and worship the golden image**: **11 And whoso falleth not down and worshippeth**, **that he should be cast into the midst of a burning fiery furnace**. 12 ***There are certain Jews*** whom thou hast set over the affairs of the province of Babylon, ***Shadrach***, ***Meshach***, and ***Abed–nego***; ***these men***, **O king**, **have not regarded thee**: **they serve not thy gods**, **nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up**.

13 Then **Nebuchadnezzar in his rage and fury commanded to bring** ***Shadrach***, ***Meshach***, and ***Abed–nego***. Then they brought ***these men*** before the king. **14 Nebuchadnezzar spake and said** unto ***them***, **Is it true**, ***O Shadrach***, ***Meshach***, and ***Abed–nego***, **do not ye serve my gods**, **nor worship the golden image which I have set up**? **15 Now if ye be ready** that at what time ye hear the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, and dulcimer, and all kinds of musick, **ye fall down and worship the image which I have made**; **well**: **but if ye worship not**, **ye shall be cast the same hour into the midst of a burning fiery furnace**; and ***who is that God that shall deliver you*** **out of my hands**? **16** ***Shadrach***, ***Meshach***, and ***Abed–nego***, ***answered and said to the king***, ***O Nebuchadnezzar***, ***we are not careful to answer thee in this matter***. **17** ***If it be so***, ***our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace***, ***and he will deliver us out of thine hand***, ***O king***. **18** ***But if not***, ***be it known unto thee***, ***O king***, ***that we will not serve thy gods***, ***nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up***. **19** Then was Nebuchadnezzar full of fury, and the form of his visage was changed against ***Shadrach***, ***Meshach***, and ***Abed–nego***: therefore he spake, and commanded that they should heat the furnace one seven times more than it was wont to be heated. **20** And he commanded the most mighty men that were in his army to bind ***Shadrach***, ***Meshach***, and ***Abed–nego***, and **to cast them into the burning fiery furnace**. **21** ***Then these men*** **were bound in their** ***coats***, **their** ***hosen***, **and their** ***hats***, **and their** ***other garments***, **and were cast**

into the midst of the burning fiery furnace. **22** Therefore because the king's commandment was urgent, and the furnace exceeding hot, the flame of the fire slew those men that took up ***Shadrach***, ***Meshach***, and ***Abed–nego***. **23** And ***these three men***, ***Shadrach***, ***Meshach***, ***and Abed–nego***, **fell down bound into the midst of the burning fiery furnace**. 24 Then **Nebuchadnezzar the king was astonied**, and rose up in haste, and spake, and said unto his counsellors, **Did not we cast three men bound into the midst of the fire**? They answered and said unto the king, **True**, **O king**. **25** He answered and said, ***Lo***, ***I see four men loose***, ***walking in the midst of the fire***, ***and they have no hurt***; ***and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God***.

You see? Jesus showed up and was with them, and the flame did not harm them at all, just like it was prophesied by Isaiah:

Isaiah 43:1 ***But now thus saith the LORD that created thee***, ***O Jacob***, ***and he that formed thee***, ***O Israel***, ***Fear not***: ***for I have redeemed thee***, ***I have called thee by thy name***; ***thou art mine***. **2** ***When thou passest through the waters***, ***I will be with thee***; ***and through the rivers***, ***they shall not overflow thee***: ***when thou walkest through the fire***, ***thou shalt not be burned***; ***neither shall the flame kindle upon thee***.

See? Isn't it ***AWESOME!!!***

Daniel 3:26 Then **Nebuchadnezzar came near to the mouth of the burning fiery furnace**, **and spake**, and said, ***Shadrach***, ***Meshach***, ***and Abed–nego***, ***ye servants of the most high God***, ***come forth***, ***and come hither***. ***Then Shadrach***, ***Meshach***, ***and Abed–nego***, ***came forth of the midst of the fire***. **27** And the **princes**, **governors**, and **captains**, and the **king's counsellors**, being gathered together, saw ***these men***, ***upon whose bodies the fire had no power***, ***nor was an hair of their head singed***, ***neither were their coats changed***, ***nor the smell of fire had passed on them***. **28** Then **Nebuchadnezzar spake**, and said, ***Blessed be the God of Shadrach***, ***Meshach***, ***and Abed–nego***, ***who hath sent his angel***, ***and delivered his servants that trusted in him***, ***and have changed the king's word***, ***and yielded their bodies***, ***that they might not serve nor worship any god***, ***except their own God***.

So we see, that this temptation has been before, and it is common among men, as there have been many who have yielded their bodies that they might not serve any god, save only God Almighty Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 10:13 There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but ***God is faithful***, ***who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able***; ***but will with the temptation also make a way to escape***, ***that ye may be able to bear it***.

Ecclesiastes 1:9 ***The thing that hath been***, ***it is that which shall be***; ***and that which is done is that which shall be done***: ***and there is no new thing under the sun***. **10** ***Is there any thing***

whereof it may be said**, **See**, **this is new**? **it hath been already of old time**, **which was before us.

Revelation 13:1 And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy. **2** And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as the feet of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority. **3** And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and **all the world wondered after the beast**. **4 And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast**: **and they worshipped the beast**, **saying**, **Who is like unto the beast**? **who is able to make war with him**? **5** And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months. **6** And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven. **7 And it was given unto him to make war *with the saints***, **and to overcome *them***: and **power was given him over all kindreds**, **and tongues**, **and nations**. **8 And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in *the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world***. **9 *If any man have an ear***, ***let him hear***. **10** He that leadeth into captivity shall go into captivity: he that killeth with the sword must be killed with the sword. ***Here is the patience and the faith of the saints***. **11** And I beheld **another beast** coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon. **12** And **he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him**, **and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast**, **whose deadly wound was healed**. **13 And he doeth great wonders**, **so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men**, **14 And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast**; **saying to them that dwell on the earth**, **that they should make an image to the beast**, **which had the wound by a sword**, **and did live**. **15 And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast**, **that the image of the beast should both speak**, ***and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed***. **16 And he causeth all**, **both small and great**, **rich and poor**, **free and bond**, **to receive a mark in their right hand**, **or in their foreheads**: **17 And that no man might buy or sell**, **save he that had the mark**, **or the name of the beast**, **or the number of his name**. **18** ***Here is wisdom***. ***Let him that hath understanding count*** **the number of the beast**: **for it is the number of a man**; **and his number is Six hundred threescore and six**.

John 12:25 He that loveth his life shall lose it; and ***he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal***.

Psalms 118:17 ***I shall not die***, ***but live***, ***and declare the works of the LORD***.

Get out of the flesh and in the Spirit:

Romans 8:13 For **if ye live after the flesh**, **ye shall die**: but ***if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body***, ***ye shall live***.

2 Chronicles 30:8 Now **be ye not stiffnecked**, as your fathers were, but ***yield yourselves unto the LORD***, ***and enter into his sanctuary***, ***which he hath sanctified for ever***: ***and serve the LORD your God***, **that the fierceness of his wrath may turn away from you**.

Romans 6:13 Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but ***yield yourselves unto God***, ***as those that are alive from the dead***, ***and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God***.

Romans 6:16 Know ye not, **that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey**, **his servants ye are to whom ye obey**; whether of **sin unto death**, or of ***obedience unto righteousness***?

Deuteronomy 27:10 ***Thou shalt therefore obey the voice of the LORD thy God***, ***and do his commandments and his statutes***, ***which I command thee this day***.

Jeremiah 42:6 ***Whether it be good***, ***or whether it be evil***, ***we will obey the voice of the LORD our God***, to whom we send thee; ***that it may be well with us***, ***when we obey the voice of the LORD our God***.

Revelation 14:6 And ***I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven***, ***having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth***, and ***to every nation***, and ***kindred***, and ***tongue***, and ***people***, **7** ***Saying with a loud voice***, ***Fear God***, ***and give glory to him***; ***for the hour of his judgment is come***: ***and worship him that made heaven***, ***and earth***, ***and the sea***, ***and the fountains of waters***. **8** And ***there followed another angel,*** *saying,* **Babylon is fallen*, is fallen*, that great city*, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication**. **9** ***And the third angel followed them***, ***saying with a loud voice***, ***If any man worship*** **the beast and his image*, and* receive his mark in his forehead*, or* in his hand**, **10 The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of *God*, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation**; **and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of *the holy angels*, and in the presence of the *Lamb***: **11** And **the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever**: **and they have no rest day nor night**, **who worship the beast and his image**, **and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name**. **12** ***Here is the patience of the saints***: ***here are they that keep the commandments of God***, ***and the faith of Jesus***.

Psalms 27:14 ***Wait on the LORD***: ***be of good courage***, ***and he shall strengthen thine heart***: ***wait***, ***I say***, ***on the LORD***.

Exodus 20:1 And God spake all these words, saying, **2** ***I am the LORD thy God***, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. **3 Thou shalt have no other gods before *me***. **4 Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image**, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water

under the earth: **5 Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them**, **nor serve them**: for ***I the LORD thy God am a jealous God***, **visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me**; **6** And ***shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me***, ***and keep my commandments***.

Ecclesiastes 12:13 ***Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter***: ***Fear God***, ***and keep his commandments***: ***for this is the whole duty of man***.